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High-Speed Rail Authority Applauds Allocation of Prop 1A Funds for Local Rail Improvements

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today applauded the California Transportation Commission’s allocation of \$78.6 million in Proposition 1A (Prop. 1A) funds for a Maintenance Shop and Yard Improvements project in Alameda County. This funding will allow Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to expand capacity for maintenance and warehouse activities for future BART fleets.

“This investment will position BART to continue providing exceptional service to Bay Area communities as demand grows,” Authority Northern California Regional Director Ben Tripousis said. “Proposition 1A affords BART the ability to plan for the projected growth in future ridership, while continuing to give commuters a better and more environmentally-friendly transportation option.”

With the \$78.6 million allocation in Prop 1A funding, BART will be able to expand its existing Maintenance Shop and construct a new Component Repair Shop. The project also includes retrofitting the existing Maintenance and Engineering Storage Yard with sound walls along the east side of the current test track. As a result of the allocation, BART will also have the requisite funding needed to upgrade the tracks and retaining walls that connect the Hayward Maintenance Complex to the Main Line tracks.

Approved by the voters in 2008, Prop. 1A - the Safe, Reliable, High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century - allocates nearly \$2 billion in funds to support transit, commuter, and intercity rail projects throughout the state. This funding leverages approximately \$5 billion in additional funding for these projects. The funding requirements for the projects are listed in Senate Bill 1029 of the 2012-2013 State Budget.

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About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority’s website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra